

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 12 and continuing through line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

A conventional golf club shaft has a gripping zone for the left-hand that tapers from a diameter of about one-inch at the heel of the hand to a diameter of about seven-eighths of an inch at the thumb portion of the hand. Thus the shaft decreases about one-eighth inch in diameter along the grip portion thereof that is spanned by the left-hand of the golfer. The pad 9a to align the golf club shaft ~~[[19]]~~ 16 in a line 10a (FIG. 1) parallel to the transverse creases of the hand should then converge about one-eighth of an inch toward the line from its heel and to its thumb-end.